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MAHATHIR LEAVES FOR CHIANG MAI FROM ALOR SETAR

ALOR SETAR, July 5 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad left for Chiang Mai today for a two-day visit to Thailand.

The special jet carrying Dr Mahathir and his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali left the Sultan Abdul Halim airport in Kepala Batas, near here, at 4pm.

The prime minister arrived in Kedah this morning to visit Kubang Pasu.

Among those to send him off at the airport were Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain and state Barisan Nasional leaders.

Dr Mahathir will hold unofficial talks with Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra in Chiang Mai followed by official discussions in Bangkok tomorrow.

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